

Claims

1 We claim the creation and use of a portable and universal device (made from either food grade or non food grade materials) separate and apart from existing strainers/colanders which provides an adequate base to support food strainers/colanders and elevate such devices while providing adequate drainage for the strainer/colander and thereby prevent the contamination of the food products contained in the strainer/colander from fluids which may not otherwise be capable of adequately draining in a time or manner which would prevent such unsanitary contact.

2 We claim the creation and use of a new strainer/colander (made from food-grade materials) which incorporates either removable, detachable, foldable, or collapsible legs or base attachment (made from either food grade or non food grade materials) which provides an adequate base to support food strainers/colanders and elevate such devices while providing adequate drainage for the strainer/colander and thereby prevent the contamination of the food products contained in the strainer/colander from fluids which may not otherwise be capable of adequately draining in a time or manner which would prevent such unsanitary contact.

3 We claim that the height of such devices being such that the strainer/colander is elevated more than 1.1 inches from the surface on which it rests for purposes of stability and affording sufficient elevation to allow for adequate drainage and, as to the universal device, being greater than 3.0 inches in diameter on the top and greater

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than 3.25 inches in diameter on the bottom for purposes of stability and affording a universal fit to both sink/basin drains and strainers/colanders.

4 We claim the devices as set forth in the drawings of this submission, which are merely exemplary, recognizing that a person or company analyzing the art may make many variations, stylistic changes, and modifications without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention. For example, there are many materials from which the invention may be constructed, including plastics, metals, woods, etc. In addition, the shape of the device by which the elevation and drainage is provided could easily be modified (circle, square, hexagon, octagon, oblong, hourglass, etc.) without significantly altering the use of the invention which is claimed. All such modifications, stylistic changes, variations, and modifications are intended to be included within the scope of the invention and are hereby claimed.

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37 CFR 1.125(b)(2) Statement

In compliance with 37 CFR 2,121(f), the substitute specification being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 121(b)(3) contains no new matter. Instead, it has been amended for purposes of clarity, grammar, and to comply with drawing requirements of 37 CFR 1.84 and the reference to the drawings required by 37 CFR 1.74.

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